

Annual Meeting of the Council – 18th May, 2023

Report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Leader of the Council

Purpose

1. To report on the provisions of the Council's Constitution concerning the position of the Leader of the Council.

Recommendation

2. That the report be noted.

Background

3. The Council's Procedure Rules require that the Leader shall be appointed at the annual meeting of the Council (as and when necessary). Article 7 of the Constitution prescribes that the Leader will hold office for a period of four years or until:
 - (a) his/her term of office as a Councillor expires; or
 - (b) he/she resigns from the office; or
 - (c) he/she is no longer a Councillor; or
 - (d) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council.
4. In accordance with the Constitution, Councillor P Harley was elected as the Leader at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 19th May, 2022.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Law

6. Statutory provisions regarding the Constitution are contained in the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, the Localism Act 2011 and any Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Risk Management

7. The ongoing arrangements for the election of the Leader are contained in the Council's Constitution. There are no implications for the Council's Risk Management Framework.

Equality Impact

8. Decisions of the Leader on policy issues and the implementation of the Council Plan framework involve actions to promote equality and diversity and in relation to children and young people.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

9. There are no direct implications.

Commercial/Procurement

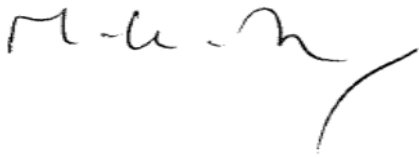
10. The Leader has a key role in overseeing the Council Plan objectives to maximise value from procurement, deliver social value and develop a commercial focus.

Environment/Climate Change

11. The Leader has a key role in overseeing the Council's approach to environmental sustainability and tackling climate change. To reinforce the Council's commitment, the Leader established a specific Cabinet portfolio for Waste Management and Climate Change in May 2022. The Council also established the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee in the 2022/23 municipal year.

Council Priorities and Projects

12. The Leader has a key role in the delivery of all Council priorities including the Borough Vision, Council Plan and the Future Council Programme.

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**Mohammed Farooq
Lead for Law and Governance
(Monitoring Officer)**